

# ON SEMI-INFINITE COHOMOLOGY OF FINITE DIMENSIONAL ALGEBRAS

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ABSTRACT. We show that semi-infinite cohomology of a finite dimensional graded algebra (satisfying some additional requirements) is a particular case of a general categorical construction. An example of this situation is provided by small quantum groups at a root of unity.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Semi-infinite cohomology of associative algebras was studied, in particular, by S. Arkhipov (see [Ar1], [Ar2], [Ar3]). Recall that the definition of semi-infinite cohomology in [Ar1] works in the following set-up. We are given an associative graded algebra  $A$ , two subalgebras  $B, N \subset A$  such that  $A = B \otimes N$  as a vector space, satisfying some additional assumptions. In this situation the space of semi-infinite Ext's,  $Ext^{\infty/2+\bullet}(X, Y)$  is defined for  $X, Y$  in the bounded derived category of graded  $A$ -modules. The definition makes use of explicit complexes.

In this note we show that under some additional assumptions semi-infinite Ext groups  $Ext^{\infty/2+\bullet}(X, Y)$  has a categorical interpretation. More precisely, given a category  $\mathcal{A}$  and subcategory  $\mathcal{B} \subset \mathcal{A}$  one can define for  $X, Y \in \mathcal{A}$  the set of morphisms from  $X$  to  $Y$  "through  $\mathcal{B}$ "; we denote this space by  $Hom_{\mathcal{A}\mathcal{B}}(X, Y)$ . We then show that if  $\mathcal{A}$  is the bounded derived category of  $A$ -modules, and  $\mathcal{B}$  is the full triangulated subcategory generated by  $B$ -projective  $A$ -modules, then, under certain assumptions one has

$$(1) \quad Ext^{\infty/2+i}(X, Y) = Hom_{\mathcal{A}\mathcal{B}}(X, Y[i]).$$

Notice that the right hand side of (1) makes sense for a wide class of pairs  $(A, B)$  (an associative algebra, and a subalgebra), and  $X, Y \in D^b(A - mod)$ ; in particular we do not need  $A, B$  to be graded. Thus one may consider (1) as providing a generalization of the definition of semi-infinite Ext's to this set up. However, we should warn the reader that under our working assumptions, but not in general,  $\mathcal{B}$  also equals the full triangulated subcategory generated by  $B$ -injective modules, or by modules (co)induced from a "complemental" subalgebra  $N \subset A$ , so one has at least four different obvious generalizations of the definition of the right-hand side of (1).

In fact, a description of semi-infinite cohomology similar to (1) in a general situation (in particular, in the case of enveloping algebras of infinite-dimensional Lie algebras) requires additional ideas, and is the subject of a forthcoming joint work with Arkhipov and Positselskii.

An example of the situation considered in this paper is provided by a small quantum group at a root of unity [L], or by the restricted enveloping algebra of a simple Lie algebra in positive characteristic. Computation of semi-infinite cohomology in

the former case is due to S. Arkhipov [Ar1] (the answer suggested as a conjecture by B. Feigin). This example was a motivation for the present work. We informally explain the relation of our Theorem 1 to the answer for semi-infinite cohomology of small quantum groups in Remark 5 below (we plan to derive it from Theorem 1 elsewhere).

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## 2. CATEGORICAL PRELIMINARIES: MORPHISMS THROUGH A FUNCTOR

Let  $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}$  be (small) categories, and  $\Phi : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  be a functor. For  $X, Y \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{A})$  define the set of "morphisms from  $X$  to  $Y$  through  $\Phi$ " as  $\pi_0$  of the category of diagrams

$$(2) \quad X \longrightarrow \Phi(?) \longrightarrow Y, \quad ? \in \mathcal{B}.$$

This set will be denoted by  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_\Phi}(X, Y)$ . Thus elements of  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_\Phi}(X, Y)$  are diagrams of the form (2), with two diagrams identified if there exists a morphism between them. Composing the two arrows in (2) we get a functorial map

$$(3) \quad \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_\Phi}(X, Y) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(X, Y).$$

If  $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}$  are additive and  $\Phi$  is an additive functor, then addition of diagrams of the form (2) is defined by

$$(X \xrightarrow{f} \Phi(Z) \xrightarrow{g} Y) + (X \xrightarrow{f'} \Phi(Z') \xrightarrow{g'} Y) = (X \xrightarrow{f \times f'} \Phi(Z \oplus Z') \xrightarrow{g \oplus g'} Y);$$

it induces an abelian group structure on  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_\Phi}(X, Y)$ . Proposition 3 in [ML], VIII.2 shows that for  $Z \in \mathcal{B}$  the tautological map

$$\text{Hom}(X, \Phi(Z)) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \text{Hom}(\Phi(Z), Y) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_\Phi}(X, Y)$$

is compatible with addition.

We have the composition map

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(X', X) \times \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_\Phi}(X, Y) \times \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(Y, Y') \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_\Phi}(X', Y);$$

in particular, for  $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}, \Phi$  additive,  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_\Phi}(X, Y)$  is an  $\text{End}(X) - \text{End}(Y)$  bimodule.

Given  $\Phi : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ ,  $\Phi' : \mathcal{A}' \rightarrow \mathcal{B}'$  and  $F : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}'$ ,  $G : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}'$  with  $F \circ \Phi \cong \Phi' \circ G$  we get for  $X, Y \in \mathcal{A}$  a map

$$(4) \quad \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_\Phi}(X, Y) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}'_{\mathcal{B}'}}(F(X), F(Y)).$$

If the left adjoint functor  $\Phi^*$  to  $\Phi$  is defined on  $X$ , then we have

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_\Phi}(X, Y) = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(\Phi(\Phi^*(X)), Y),$$

because in this case the above category contracts to the subcategory of diagrams of the form  $X \xrightarrow{\text{can}} \Phi(\Phi^*(X)) \rightarrow Y$ , where *can* stands for the adjunction morphism. If the right adjoint functor  $\Phi^!$  is defined on  $Y$ , then

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_\Phi}(X, Y) = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(X, \Phi(\Phi^!(Y)))$$

for similar reasons. In particular, if  $\Phi$  is a full imbedding then (3) is an isomorphism provided either  $X$  or  $Y$  lie in the image of  $\Phi$ .

In all examples below  $\mathcal{A}$  will be a triangulated category, and  $\Phi : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  will be an imbedding of a (strictly) full triangulated subcategory. Given  $\mathcal{B} \subset \mathcal{A}$  we will

tacitly assume  $\Phi$  to be the imbedding, and write  $Hom_{\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{B}}}$  ("morphisms through  $\mathcal{B}$ ") instead of  $Hom_{\mathcal{A}_{\Phi}}$ .

*Example 1.* Let  $M$  be a Noetherian scheme, and  $\mathcal{A} = D^b(Coh_M)$  be the bounded derived category of coherent sheaves on  $M$ ; let  $I : \mathcal{B} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{A}$  be the full subcategory of complexes whose cohomology is supported on a closed subset  $i : N \hookrightarrow M$ . Then the functor  $I \circ I^! = i_* \circ i^!$  takes values in a larger derived category of quasi-coherent sheaves (i.e. ind-coherent sheaves), and  $I \circ I^* = i_* \circ i^*$  takes values in the Grothendick-Serre dual category, the derived category of pro-coherent sheaves (introduced in Deligne's appendix to [H]). Still we have

$$Hom_{\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{B}}}(X, Y) = Hom(X, i_*(i^!(Y))) = Hom(i_*(i^*(X)), Y).$$

In particular, if  $X = \mathcal{O}_M$  is the structure sheaf, we get

$$(5) \quad Hom_{\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{B}}}(\mathcal{O}_M, Y[i]) = H_N^i(Y),$$

where  $H_N^\bullet(Y)$  stands for cohomology with support on  $N$  (local cohomology) [H].

### 3. RECOLLECTION OF THE DEFINITION OF $Ext^{\infty/2+\bullet}$

All algebras below will be associative and unital algebras over a field.

We recall a variant of definition of semi-infinite Ext's (available under certain restrictions on the algebra and subalgebras) suited for our purpose (see e.g. [FS], §2.4, pp 180-183, for this definition in the particular case of small quantum groups; the general case is analogous).

*We make the following assumptions.* A  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded algebra  $A$  and graded subalgebras  $A^0$ ,  $A^{\leq 0}$ ,  $A^{\geq 0} \subset A$  are fixed and satisfy the following conditions:

(1)  $A^{\leq 0}$ ,  $A^{\geq 0}$  are graded by, respectively,  $\mathbb{Z}^{\leq 0}$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}^{\geq 0}$ , and  $A^0 = A^{\leq 0} \cap A^{\geq 0}$  is the component of degree 0 in  $A^{\geq 0}$  and in  $A^{\leq 0}$ .

(2) The maps  $A^{\geq 0} \otimes_{A^0} A^{\leq 0} \rightarrow A$  and  $A^{\leq 0} \otimes_{A^0} A^{\geq 0} \rightarrow A$  provided by the multiplication map are isomorphisms.

(3)  $A$  is finite dimensional;  $A^0$  is semisimple, and  $A^{\geq 0}$  is self-injective (i.e. the free  $A^{\geq 0}$ -module is injective).

By a "module" we will mean a finite dimensional graded module, unless stated otherwise. By  $A - mod$  we denote the category of (graded finite dimensional)  $A$ -modules.

Recall that a bounded below complex of graded modules is called *convex* if the weights "go down", i.e. for any  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  the sum of weight spaces of degree more than  $n$  is finite dimensional. A bounded below complex of graded modules is called *concave* if the weights "go up" in the similar sense.

**Lemma 1.** *i) Any  $A$ -module admits a right convex resolution by  $A$ -modules, which are injective as  $A^{\geq 0}$ -modules. It also admits a right concave resolution by  $A$ -modules, which are  $A^{\leq 0}$ -injective.*

*ii) Any finite complex of  $A$ -modules is a quasiisomorphic subcomplex of a bounded below convex complex of  $A^{\geq 0}$ -injective  $A$ -modules. It is also a quasiisomorphic subcomplex of a bounded below concave complex of  $A^{\leq 0}$ -injective  $A$ -modules.*

*Proof.* To deduce (ii) from (i) imbed given finite complex  $C^\bullet \in Com(A - mod)$  into a complex of  $A$ -injective modules  $I^\bullet \in Com^{\geq 0}(A - mod)$  (notice that condition (2) above implies that an  $A$ -injective module is also  $A^{\geq 0}$  and  $A^{\leq 0}$  injective), and apply (i) to the module of cocycles  $Z^n = I^n / d(I^{n-1})$  for large  $n$ .

To check (i) it suffices to find for any  $M \in A - \text{mod}$  an imbedding  $M \hookrightarrow I$ , where  $I$  is  $A^{\leq 0}$ -injective, and if  $n$  is such that all graded components  $M_i$  for  $i < n$  vanish, then  $M_n \xrightarrow{\sim} I_n$ . (This would prove the second part of the statement; the first one is obtained from the first one by renotation.) It suffices to take  $I = \text{CoInd}_{A^{\geq 0}}^A(\text{Res}_{A^{\geq 0}}^A(M))$ . It is indeed  $A^{\leq 0}$ -injective, because of the equality

$$(6) \quad \text{Res}_{A^{\leq 0}}^A(\text{CoInd}_{A^{\geq 0}}^A(M)) = \text{CoInd}_{A^0}^{A^{\leq 0}}(M),$$

which is a consequence of assumption (2) above.  $\square$

We set  $D = D^b(A - \text{mod})$ .

*Definition 1.* (cf. [FS], §2.4) The assumptions (1–3) are enforced. Let  $X, Y \in D$ . Let  $J_{\searrow}^X$  be a convex bounded below complex of  $A^{\geq 0}$ -injective (= projective) modules quasiisomorphic to  $X$ , and  $J_{\nearrow}^Y$  be a concave bounded below complex of  $A^{\leq 0}$ -injective modules quasiisomorphic to  $Y$ . Then one defines

$$(7) \quad \text{Ext}^{\infty/2+i}(X, Y) = H^i(\text{Hom}^\bullet(J_{\searrow}^X, J_{\nearrow}^Y)).$$

*Remark 1.* Independence of the right-hand side of (7) on the choice of resolutions  $J_{\searrow}^X, J_{\nearrow}^Y$  follows from the argument below. Since particular complexes used in [Ar1] to define  $\text{Ext}^{\infty/2+\bullet}$  satisfy our assumptions, we see that this definition agrees with the one in *loc. cit.*

*Remark 2.* Notice that  $\text{Hom}$  in the right-hand side of (7) is  $\text{Hom}$  in the category of graded modules. As usual, it is often convenient to denote by  $\text{Ext}^{\infty/2+i}(X, Y)$  the graded space which in present notations is written down as  $\bigoplus_n \text{Ext}^{\infty/2+i}(X, Y(n))$ , where  $(n)$  refers to shift of grading by  $-n$ .

*Remark 3.* The next standard Lemma shows that conditions on the resolutions  $J_{\searrow}^X, J_{\nearrow}^Y$  used in the (7) can be formulated in terms of the subalgebra  $A^{\geq 0}$  alone (or, alternatively, in terms of  $A^{\leq 0}$  alone); this conforms with the fact that the left-hand side of (11) in Theorem 1 below depends only on  $A^{\geq 0}$ . However, existence of a "complemental" subalgebra  $A^{\leq 0}$  is used in the construction of a resolution  $J_{\searrow}^X$  with required properties.

**Lemma 2.** *An  $A$ -module is  $A^{\leq 0}$ -injective iff it is has a filtration with subquotients of the form  $\text{CoInd}_{A^{\geq 0}}^A(M)$ ,  $M \in A^{\geq 0} - \text{mod}$ .*

*Proof.* The "if" direction follows from semisimplicity of  $A^0$ , and equality (6) above. To show the "only if" part let  $M$  be an  $A^{\leq 0}$ -injective  $A$ -module. Let  $M^-$  be its graded component of minimal degree; then the canonical morphism

$$(8) \quad M \rightarrow \text{CoInd}_{A^0}^{A^{\leq 0}}(M^-)$$

is surjective. If  $M$  is actually an  $A$ -module, then the projection  $M \rightarrow M^-$  is a surjection of  $A^{\geq 0}$ -modules, hence yields a morphism

$$(9) \quad M \rightarrow \text{CoInd}_{A^{\geq 0}}^A(M^-).$$

(6) shows that  $\text{Res}_{A^{\leq 0}}^A$  sends (9) into (8); in particular (9) is surjective. Thus the top quotient of the required filtration is constructed, and the proof is finished by induction.  $\square$

*Remark 4.* In two special cases  $Ext^{\infty/2+i}(X, Y)$  coincides with a traditional derived functor. First, suppose that  $Res_{A \geq 0}^A(X)$  has finite injective (equivalently, projective) dimension; then one can use a finite complex  $J_{\searrow}^X$  in (7) above. It follows immediately, that in this case we have

$$Ext^{\infty/2+i}(X, Y) \cong Hom(X, Y[i]).$$

On the other hand, suppose that  $Res_{A \leq 0}^A(Y)$  has finite injective dimension, so that the complex  $J_{\nearrow}^Y$  in (7) can be chosen to be finite. To describe semi-infinite Ext's in this case we need another notation. Let  $A^*$  denote the co-regular  $A$ -bimodule; for  $M \in A - mod$  let  $M^\sim = M^* = Hom_A(M, A^*)$  denote the corresponding right  $A$ -module, and we use the same notation for the corresponding functor on the derived categories. Let also  $S : D^b(A - mod) \rightarrow D^+(A - mod)$  be given by  $S(Y) = RHom_A(A^*, Y)$ . Notice that  $A^*$  is  $A^{\geq 0}$ -projective by self-injectivity of  $A^{\geq 0}$ ; thus Lemma 2 shows that  $Ext_A^i(A^*, N) = 0$  for  $i > 0$  if  $N$  is  $A^{\leq 0}$ -injective. In particular,  $S(Y) \in D^b(A - mod)$  if  $Y|_{A \leq 0}$  has finite injective dimension. We claim that in this case we have

$$Ext^{\infty/2+i}(X, Y) \cong X^\sim \otimes_A^L S(Y).$$

This isomorphism is an immediate consequence of the next Lemma. We also remark that if  $A$  is a Frobenius algebra, then  $S \cong Id$ .

**Lemma 3.** *Let  $M, N \in A - mod$  be such that  $M$  is  $A^{\geq 0}$ -projective, while  $N$  is  $A^{\leq 0}$ -injective. Then we have*

a)  $Ext_A^i(M, N) = 0$ ;  $Ext_A^i(A^*, N) = (R^i S)(N) = 0$ ,  $Tor_i^A(M^\sim, S(N)) = 0$  for  $i \neq 0$ .

b) *The natural map*

$$(10) \quad M^\sim \otimes_A S(N) = Hom_A(M, A^*) \otimes_A Hom_A(A^*, N) \longrightarrow Hom_A(M, N)$$

*is an isomorphism.*

*Proof.* The first equality in (a) follows from Lemma 2, and the second one was checked above. Self-injectivity of  $A^{\geq 0}$  shows that  $M^\sim$  is  $A^{\geq 0}$ -projective, and a variant of Lemma 2 ensures that it is filtered by modules induced from  $A^{\leq 0}$ . Thus it suffices to show that  $S(N)$  is  $A^{\leq 0}$ -projective. This follows from isomorphisms

$$Hom_A(A^*, CoInd_{A \geq 0}^A(N_0)) = Hom_{A \geq 0}(A^*, N_0) \cong Hom_{A \geq 0}((A^{\geq 0})^*, N_0) \otimes_{A^0} A^{\leq 0}.$$

Let us now deduce (b) from (a). Notice that (a) implies that both sides of (10) are exact in  $N$  (and also in  $M$ ), i.e. send exact sequences  $0 \rightarrow N' \rightarrow N \rightarrow N'' \rightarrow 0$  with  $N', N''$  being  $A^{\leq 0}$ -injective into exact sequences. Also (10) is evidently an isomorphism for  $N = A^*$ . For any  $A^{\leq 0}$ -injective  $N$  there exists an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow (A^*)^n \xrightarrow{\phi} (A^*)^m$$

with image and cokernel of  $\phi$  being  $A^{\leq 0}$ -injective. Thus both sides of (10) turn it into an exact sequence, which shows that (10) is an isomorphism for any  $A^{\leq 0}$ -injective  $N$ .  $\square$

## 4. MAIN RESULT

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $D_{\infty/2} \subset D$  be the full tringulated subcategory of  $D$  generated by  $A^{\geq 0}$ -injective (=projective) modules. For  $X, Y \in D^b(A - \text{mod})$  we have a natural isomorphism*

$$(11) \quad \text{Hom}_{D_{D_{\infty/2}}}(X, Y[i]) \cong \text{Ext}^{\infty/2+i}(X, Y).$$

The proof of Theorem 1 is based on the following

**Lemma 4.** *i) Every graded  $A^{\geq 0}$ -injective  $A$ -module admits a concave right resolution consisting of  $A$ -injective modules.*

*ii) A finite complex of graded  $A^{\geq 0}$ -injective  $A$ -modules is quasiisomorphic to a concave bounded below complex of  $A$ -injective modules.*

*Proof.* (ii) follows from (i) as in the proof of Lemma 1. (Recall that, according to Hilbert, if a bounded below complex of injectives represents an object  $X \in D^b$  which has finite injective dimension, then for large  $n$  the module of cocycles is injective.)

To prove (i) it is enough for any  $A^{\geq 0}$ -injective module  $M$  to find an imbedding  $M \hookrightarrow I$ , where  $I$  is  $A$ -injective, and  $M_n \xrightarrow{\sim} I_n$  provided  $M_i = 0$  for  $i < n$ . (Notice that cokernel of such an imbedding is  $A^{\geq 0}$ -injective, because  $I$  is  $A^{\geq 0}$ -injective by condition (2).) We can take  $I$  to be  $\text{CoInd}_{A_{\geq 0}}^A(\text{Res}_{A_{\geq 0}}^A(M))$ . Then  $I$  is indeed injective, because  $M$  is  $A^{\geq 0}$ -injective by semi-simplicity of  $A^0$ , and condition on weights is clearly satisfied.  $\square$

**Proposition 1.** *a) Let  $J_{\searrow}$  be a convex bounded below complex of  $A$ -modules. Let  $J_{\searrow}^n$  be the  $n$ -th stupid truncation of  $J_{\searrow}$  (thus  $J_{\searrow}^n$  is a quotient complex of  $J_{\searrow}$ ).*

*Let  $Z$  be a finite complex of  $A^{\geq 0}$ -injective  $A$ -modules. Then we have*

$$(12) \quad \text{Hom}_D(X, Z) \xrightarrow{\sim} \varinjlim \text{Hom}_D(J_{\searrow}^n, Z).$$

*In fact, for  $n$  large enough we have*

$$\text{Hom}_D(X, Z) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Hom}_D(J_{\searrow}^n, Z).$$

*Proof.* Let  $I_{\nearrow}$  be a concave bounded below complex of  $A$ -injective modules quasiisomorphic to  $Z$  (which exists by Lemma 4(ii)). Then the left-hand side of (12) equals  $\text{Hom}_{\text{Hot}}(J_{\searrow}, I_{\nearrow})$  where  $\text{Hot}$  stands for the homotopy category of complexes of  $A$ -modules. Conditions on weights of our complexes ensure that there are only finitely many degrees for which the corresponding graded components both in  $J_{\searrow}$  and  $I_{\nearrow}$  are nonzero; thus any morphism between graded vector spaces  $J_{\searrow}, I_{\nearrow}$  factors through the finite dimensional sum of corresponding graded components. In particular,  $\text{Hom}^\bullet(J_{\searrow}^n, I_{\nearrow}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Hom}^\bullet(J_{\searrow}, I_{\nearrow})$  for large  $n$ , and hence

$$\text{Hom}_{D(A-\text{mod})}(J_{\searrow}^n, I_{\nearrow}) = \text{Hom}_{\text{Hot}}(J_{\searrow}^n, I_{\nearrow}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Hom}_{\text{Hot}}(J_{\searrow}, I_{\nearrow})$$

for large  $n$ .  $\square$

*Proof of the Theorem.* We keep notations of Definition 1. It follows from the Proposition that

$$\text{Hom}_{D_{D_{\infty/2}}}(X, Y[i]) = \varinjlim_n \text{Hom}_D((J_{\searrow}^X)^n, Y[i]).$$

The right-hand side of (11) (defined in (7)) equals  $H^i(\text{Hom}^\bullet(J_{\searrow}^X, J_{\nearrow}^Y))$ . Conditions on weights of  $J_{\searrow}^X, J_{\nearrow}^Y$  show that for large  $n$  we have

$$\text{Hom}^\bullet((J_{\searrow}^X)^n, J_{\nearrow}^Y) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Hom}^\bullet(J_{\searrow}^X, J_{\nearrow}^Y).$$

Lemma 2 implies that  $\text{Ext}_A^i(M_1, M_2) = 0$  for  $i > 0$  if  $M_1$  is  $A^{\geq 0}$ -projective, and  $M_2$  is  $A^{\leq 0}$ -injective. Thus

$$\text{Hom}_D((J_{\searrow}^X)^n, Y[i]) = H^i(\text{Hom}^\bullet(J_{\searrow}^X, J_{\nearrow}^Y)).$$

The Theorem is proved.  $\square$

*Remark 5.* This remark concerns with the example provided by a small quantum group. So let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a simple Lie algebra over  $\mathbb{C}$ ,  $q \in \mathbb{C}$  be a root of unity of order  $l$ , and let  $A = u_q = u_q(\mathfrak{g})$  be the corresponding small quantum group [L]. Let  $A^{\geq 0} = b_q \subset u_q$  and  $A^{\leq 0} = b_q^- \subset u_q$  be respectively the upper and the lower triangular subalgebras. Then the above conditions (1–3) are satisfied.

Let  $\mathbb{I}$  denote the trivial  $u_q$ -module. The cohomology  $\text{Ext}_{u_q}^\bullet(\mathbb{I}, \mathbb{I})$ , and the semi-infinite cohomology  $\text{Ext}^{\infty/2+\bullet}(\mathbb{I}, \mathbb{I})$  were computed respectively in [GK] and [Ar1]. Let us recall the results of these computations.

Assume for simplicity that  $l$  is prime to twice the maximal multiplicity of an edge in the Dynkin diagram of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . Let  $\mathcal{N} \subset \mathfrak{g}$  be the cone of nilpotent elements, and  $\mathfrak{n} \subset \mathcal{N}$  be a maximal nilpotent subalgebra. Then the Theorem of Ginzburg and Kumar asserts that

$$(13) \quad \text{Ext}^\bullet(\mathbb{I}, \mathbb{I}) \cong \mathcal{O}(\mathcal{N}),$$

the algebra of regular functions on  $\mathcal{N}$ . Also, a Theorem of Arkhipov (conjectured by Feigin) asserts that

$$(14) \quad \text{Ext}^{\infty/2+\bullet}(\mathbb{I}, \mathbb{I}) \cong H_{\mathfrak{n}}^d(\mathcal{N}, \mathcal{O}),$$

where  $d$  is the dimension of  $\mathfrak{n}$ , and  $H_{\mathfrak{n}}$  denotes cohomology with support on  $\mathfrak{n}$ ; one also has  $H_{\mathfrak{n}}^i(\mathcal{N}, \mathcal{O}) = 0$  for  $i \neq d$  (here the choice of  $\mathfrak{n}$  is assumed to be compatible with the choice of an upper triangular subalgebra  $b_q \subset u_q$  via isomorphism (13) in a natural sense).

The aim of this remark is to point out a formal similarity between (14) and equality (5) in Example 1 above. Namely, the Ginzburg-Kumar isomorphism (13) yields a functor  $F : D^b(u_q - \text{mod}) \rightarrow \text{Coh}(\mathcal{N})$ ,  $F(X) = \text{Ext}^\bullet(\mathbb{I}, X)$ , such that  $F(\mathbb{I}) = \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{N}}$  is the structure sheaf. It is easy to see that if  $X \in D^b(u_q - \text{mod})$  has finite projective (equivalently, injective) homological dimension over  $b_q$ , then the support of  $F(X)$  lies in  $\mathfrak{n}$  (here by support we mean set-theoretic rather than scheme-theoretic support, so the coherent sheaf  $F(X)$  may be annihilated by some power of the ideal of  $\mathfrak{n}$ ). Thus if we assume for a moment that the functor  $F$  can be lifted to a triangulated functor  $\tilde{F}' : D^b(u_q - \text{mod}) \rightarrow D^b(\text{Coh}(\mathcal{N}))$ , then (4) and Theorem 1 would yield a morphism from the left-hand side to the right-hand side of (14). Here we say that  $\tilde{F}'$  is a lifting of  $F$  if  $F \cong R\Gamma \circ \tilde{F}'$ , where  $R\Gamma(\mathcal{F}) = \bigoplus_i H^i(\mathcal{F})$  for  $\mathcal{F} \in D^b(\text{Coh}(\mathcal{N}))$ .

It is easy to see that such a functor  $\tilde{F}'$  does not exist. A meaningful version of the argument is as follows. Let  $\mathbf{O}$  be the differential graded algebra  $R\text{Hom}_{u_q}(\mathbb{I}, \mathbb{I})$  (thus  $\mathbf{O}$  is a well-defined object of the category of differential graded algebras with inverted quasiisomorphisms); the Ginzburg-Kumar theorem (13) shows that the cohomology algebra  $H^\bullet(\mathbf{O}) \cong \mathcal{O}(\mathcal{N})$ . Let  $DG\text{mod}(\mathbf{O})$  be the triangulated category of differential graded modules over  $\mathbf{O}$  with inverted quasiisomorphisms. Let  $D \subset DG\text{mod}(\mathbf{O})$  be the full subcategory of DG-modules whose cohomology is a finitely generated module over  $H^\bullet(\mathbf{O}) = \mathcal{O}(\mathcal{N})$ , and let  $D_{\infty/2} \subset D$  be the full triangulated

subcategory of DG-modules, whose cohomology is a coherent sheaf on  $\mathcal{N}$  supported (set-theoretically) on  $\mathfrak{n}$ .

We have a functor  $\tilde{F} : D^b(u_q - \text{mod}) \rightarrow D$  given by  $\tilde{F} : X \mapsto RHom(\mathbb{I}, X)$ . It is easy to see that  $\tilde{F}$  sends complexes of finite homological dimension over  $b_q$  to  $D_{\infty/2}$ ; and that  $\tilde{F}(\mathbb{I}) = \mathbf{O}$ . Thus, by Theorem 1, (4) provides a morphism

$$Ext^{\infty/2+\bullet}(\mathbb{I}, \mathbb{I}) \longrightarrow Hom_{D_{D_{\infty/2}}}^{\bullet}(\mathbf{O}, \mathbf{O}).$$

One can then show that this morphism is an isomorphism; and also that the DG-algebra  $\mathbf{O}$  is *formal* (quasi-isomorphic to the DG-algebra  $H^{\bullet}(\mathbf{O})$  with trivial differential), which implies that

$$Hom_{D_{D_{\infty/2}}}^{\bullet}(\mathbf{O}, \mathbf{O}) \cong H_{\mathfrak{n}}^{\bullet}(\mathcal{N}, \mathcal{O})$$

(notice that the latter isomorphism is not compatible with homological gradings). This yields the isomorphism (14).

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